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**Re: Comments of Basin Electric and Dakota Gasification  
Company Regarding Adequacy of North Dakota SIP to  
Prevent Significant Deterioration in Class I Areas**

Dear Mr. Glatt and Mr. Long:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin") and Dakota Gasification Company ("DGC"), by and through their attorneys, submit herewith their comments regarding the adequacy of the North Dakota SIP to Prevent Significant Deterioration in Class I areas. These comments are intended to serve two closely related purposes: (1) they are post-hearing written comments regarding the hearing held by the North Dakota Department of Health ("NDDH") on June 12-13, 2003; and (2) they are comments in response to EPA Region 8's dispersion modeling analysis announced on May 23, 2003 at 68 Federal Register 28211.

We note that Basin and DGC previously requested Region 8 to extend the time to submit these comments beyond July 1, 2003, in order that we all would have the benefit of having access to the NDDH's complete hearing record, and the Department's final determination, before having to submit comments to Region 8. However, no further extension was given. Therefore, we have done our best in the time allotted, with the materials available.

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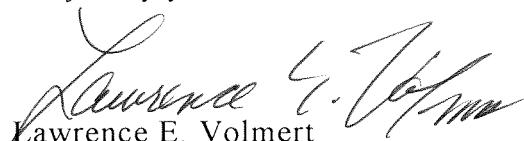
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We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments, and we know both the NDDH and Region 8 will consider them fully and carefully in making their respective decisions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or if you need additional information.

Very truly yours,



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